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House.

CARRYING THE WAR INTO THE SOUTH SIDE

is what hurts the Democrats.

MAYOR SULLIVAN subscribes to the

doctrine that silence is golden.

If one would catch Democratic fish he

must fish in Democratic waters.

The Republicans are making an ag-

gressive campaign, and that is what

hurts.

The Sentinel says there is no munici-

pal deficit in sight. Certainly, not to

those who shut their eyes.

The rumor that Mayor Sullivan has

promised to stump Ohio for the Democ-

rats is doubtless unfounded.

It will take a long row of figures to

express the value of any one of the

principal farm crops this year.

It makes the two Democratic organs

very mad to think that a Republican

candidate should dare to electioneer

among Democrats.

At the rate that farm mortgages are

being paid off in Kansas there will not

be enough left next year for the calam-

ities to swear by.

That is a beautiful quality of reform

which will result in a deficit of over

\$150,000 the first year its exponents have

had full sway in this city.

It is an edifying spectacle to see the

evening organ of Democracy turn up

the whites of its eyes and thank the

Lord that it is not as other men.

If the Democratic managers had

dreamed what is to happen they would

have deferred renominating Mayor Sul-

livan until the week before the election.

Mr. WOOLLEN has not been seen about

the controller's office for some days.

Possibly he is secreted in some rural re-

treat writing another piece for Mr. Sul-

livan to speak.

PERHAPS if Mayor Sullivan had not

used all his campaign material in the

piece he read before the Democratic con-

vention, he would accept the challenge

for a joint discussion.

The professed independent paper is

increased at being called a Democratic

organ. Perhaps it is not, but the "string

to it" is in the firm grasp of a Democrat,

and is a very short one.

An eminently sensible thing, if true,

is the agreement of Kansas Republicans

and Democrats to unite in keeping

farmers off the bench. Every man to

his trade, and lawyers for judges should

be the rule.

The organ of Governor Hill, the Al-

bany Times, says that to run Mr. Cleve-

land for Governor after his defeat in

1888 "would only be a practical joke."

Thus the good work of Democratic har-

mony in New York goes on.

"I have never doubted the fidelity of

the ALLIANCE to the Democracy," said

ex-Governor Gordon, of Georgia, a few

days since. If any one ever had such a

doubt at any time, what has transpired

in the South has dissipated it.

ONE of the topics which the owners

of homes talk over is the declaration of

a member of the Board of Public Works

that all the board cared for in making

improvements is whether the property

is worth enough to pay for them.

MAJOR MCKINLEY will open his cam-

paign formally in Niles, the village

where he was born, next Saturday. It

will be a great occasion, as McKinley

enthusiasm runs knee deep in the little

town and all the country round about.

WHEN it was announced a few weeks

ago that Venezuela would not enter into

reciprocal trade relations with the United

States the free-trade press was quite

furious, but how many free-trade pa-

pers will note the fact that the govern-

ment of Venezuela has reconsidered the

matter and will ratify such an arrange-

ment before the end of the year?

It is understood that Isaac Pusey Gray

does not deem it necessary to prick Mr.

Brynm's boom for the speakership be-

cause it is so small that it will not inter-

fer with his alleged boom for the candi-

date for President or Vice-president,

as the case may be. It is probable that

Mr. Brynm, who has come to be a states-

man who speaks of "my district" and

lives out of it most of the time, considers

the Gray presidential boom "the base-

less fabric of a vision."

In arranging the docket of the United

States Supreme Court two cases, involv-

ing the constitutionality of the McKin-

ley law, have been set for the second

Monday in October. One of these is the

Shillito Company case. The point in-

volved in one case is whether or not a

bill passed in the absence of a quorum

or by the Speaker counting a quorum is

constitutional. The other is whether or

not a bill is constitutional when one sec-

tion passed by both houses is left out in

the enrollment. This latter has refer-

ence to the dropping of a tobacco sec-

tion. Free-traders and importers are

hanging considerable hopes on these

suits, but they are not likely to realize

anything.

THE TAX COMMISSIONERS AND THE BANKS.

The issue between the State Board of

Tax Commissioners and the banks in re-

gard to the order requiring the latter to

produce a list of their depositors and the

amounts on deposit is very distinct.

The banks, or nearly all of them, flatly

refuse to comply with the order. The

motive of the board is entirely com-

mendable in that it aims at discovering

moneys which are trying to evade tax-

ation and compelling them to bear their

share of taxes. Their object is to com-

pel an honest compliance with the law

and secure for the State the revenue to

which it is justly entitled. This is what

they are there for, and the law gives them

large powers in furtherance of the pur-

pose. The extent of this power is the

point in dispute between the board and

the banks. The board is not acting

without apparent authority. Section 153

of the tax law says:

The said board shall have power to

subpoena and examine witnesses, to ad-

minister oaths, and shall have access to

and the power to order the production of

any books or papers in the hands of any

person, company or corporation, whenever

necessary in the prosecution of any in-

quiries necessary or proper in their official

capacity.

Again, Section 129 says:

The State Board of Tax Commissioners

is hereby given all the powers, given to

county boards of review. They shall not

be bound by any reports of estimates of the

value of railroad property, real estate or

other property, as returned to the county

auditors or to the Auditor of the State, but

shall appraise and assess all property at

its true and cash value, as ascertained by

their best knowledge and judgment, and

so far as to equalize the assessment of

property throughout the State they shall

have the same power as the county boards

for persons, books and papers, to examine

records, hear and question witnesses, to

punish for contempt any one who refuses

to appear and answer questions, or who

exceeds \$1,000 and by imprisonment in the

county jail of any county not exceeding

thirty days, or by both. Appeals shall lie

from all orders of the board, and from all

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